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Editorial Briefs

The Gems of the Bible

Somewhere we have read an account of the ingenious method resorted to by some jeweler for the purpose of securing trade. He displayed in his window a great variety of precious stones and offered a reward of one hundred dollars to the person who would come in the store and name correctly all of the stones. Every one knew some of the gems, the diamond, the pearl, the bloodstone, the ruby,—etc.; but not one claimed the reward for no one could recognize every gem displayed.

We wonder how many Christians would be able to recognize the authorship and to tell the place of the gems of the Bible or even of a limited number of them. One of the greatest and best works of the Christian Endeavor movement is the Bible study it has aroused among Christian young people. And yet the fact remains that there is a lamentable indifference manifested in regard to the Word of God. It is not read often enough, not meditated upon sufficiently, and its meaning and teachings are not studied as they should be. Every one ought to be well acquainted with the Bible. The gems should be familiar to us all and many, many of the precious passages we should hold in memory. In times of sorrow and trial they will prove unfailing comforters and counselors.

The mines of earth no treasure yield
That could this volume buy;
In teaching me the way to live,
It taught me how to die.

The Law of Kindness

The journey of this world is like a crowded passenger station, where throngs are constantly coming and going, where there is much hurry and confusion, a great deal of looking out for number one, and little enough consideration of the stranger. Our train is soon going; we gather together our baggage and hurry thru the gates; we pass out upon the great highway, and disappear. Sometimes a pleasant memory lingers, some little act of

gentle unselfishness, a kind word, maybe, spoken by a stranger, but all the more grateful because it comes to us in a strange place, in the hurry and weariness of the journey, in the loneliness and isolation one feels sometimes when far away from home. How beautiful is the law of kindness in this pilgrimage of our life, when often we feel so far away from home, and so hungry for the fellowship of love. How beautiful it is to watch for opportunities and seasons when we may speak a kind word, or do a kind act; when we may lift some burden, or cheer some lonely heart. Let us learn the law of kindness and as we cheer others in the way, we will find our own hearts cheered, and our own pilgrimage solaced with the heavenly consolations.

"Come, and See"

Christianity has beautifully been likened to a dimly lighted cathedral that appears gloomy on the outside but, which upon entering, one finds luxurious in beauty and overwhelming in grandeur. Those without can not begin to appreciate its significance. Thus unchristian people often criticize the followers of Jesus unjustly. *The Michigan Presbyterian* well says of such criticism:

Men criticize the church, and doubtless with good reason for the church is full of infirmities and even sins. We may criticize kindly, showing in love where we believe there may be changes for the better. But let us not fall into a spirit of sweeping condemnation, or of pessimistic delaration that the case of the church is a hopeless one. There is much of destructive criticism, but too little that is constructive. When men say, "Let the church go, it is disloyal to the Lord," have they anything to offer in the place of the church? If they have they are very slow to offer it. We may weep for the church, but it is only in love. We individually as members must assume the largest share of the responsibility. If Christ's friends step outside and find fault, whence shall come the regeneration of his church?

Personal Mention

Brother Z. T. Livengood reports three more additions to the church in Barron county, Wisconsin. We are gratified with the progress of the work there.

Professor J. Allen Miller visited the Pleasant Hill, Ohio congregation last Sunday. The eighth annual Harvest Meeting of the church was held on that day and Brother Miller preached both in the morning and evening.

The Johnstown church seems to be contemplating starting a mission at Marrelville. Brother E. E. Haskins, their pastor has returned from his vacation and with his zealous leadership our Johnstown brethren may accomplish a great work.

Brother C. F. Yoder sends us the following items from his field: One more confession at the service at Fairview church on Sunday morning. On Monday evening I preached at New Troy, Mich., and assisted by Brethren Ingleright and English ordained brother William Weaver to the ministry there.

Sister Lyon of Washington, D. C., has been very sick with malaria, but we are glad to say is at present much better. May she soon be restored to health. Brother Lyon writes that they are joyfully looking forward to August 4, when they expect to have Sister Detwiler visit the Mission. We

trust that Miss Detwiler will not disappoint our Washington people.

The readers of the EVANGELIST will be pleased to see College Notes in our columns again. The vacation is half over but we feel certain that the college spirit is fresh in the hearts of the teachers and students. Many of them are working in the interest of the school for the coming year. We are anxious to see the deserted halls and quiet campus again teem with student life and hope that the scores of young people thru-out the church who should fit themselves for great service will be among our number at Ashland during the school year that is soon to begin.

Sister Mary K. Fair, Hardy, Neb., in renewing her subscription, says that she enjoys the sermons in the EVANGELIST very greatly. She does not often have the privilege of listening to a Brethren minister and finds these printed sermons very helpful. Brother Catron of Middlefork, Ind., writes that they could as easily do without a preacher as without the church paper. Such a feeling among subscribers should be an inducement to more of our ministers to have their sermons published occasionally.

We are in receipt of a circular announcing the annual camp meeting of the Brethren church of central California, August 23, to Sept. 2. A fine program has been arranged including three days for Conference sessions, a mission day, a temperance day and a S. S., and children's day. Brother Shively writes: We have been disappointed in the matter of securing a State Evangelist. The brother who had about decided to come has found it impossible to come. So we are still in the field as seekers for such a person, and shall remain in the field until we secure one. Brother J. B. Early and wife of Salem, Oregon, will attend the California Camp Meeting. Everything points toward a pleasant and profitable service.

We quote the following from "*The New Times*," a paper printed in Dallas Center, Iowa: Rev. Roger E. Darling returned to his home in Pittsburg, Wednesday evening. He will spend a few days in Lanark, Ill., before going home. Roger is a Dallas Center boy having spent all of his early life here. His boyhood days were spent on the farm until about 1890 when he entered our High school here from which he graduated in 1894. He then spent about two years in the Biblical department of Mt. Morris College, Mt. Morris, Ill., when he went to Ashland, Ohio, and spent a little over a year there. He was then called as pastor of the Progressive Brethren church at Johnstown, Pa., which he served faithfully for about two years and was successful in leading many souls to believe in Christ. A little over two years ago the First Brethren church of Pittsburg called him to labor among them and he accepted the call. His labors there have been very faithful. Not only has there been many accessions to the church, but within the past year they have built a \$13,000 brick church which they dedicated just a short time ago. While here on his vacation he preached several very able sermons from his own pulpit and the Presbyterian. Roger is a very able young man and handles his subjects in a masterly way. If he keeps on in the future as he has in the past he certainly has a very bright future before him.

I praise Thee while my days go on;
I love Thee while my days go on:
Thru dark and dearth, thru fire and frost,
With emptied arms and treasures lost,
I thank Thee while my days go on.

—Browning.